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8. (Confidential - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Clark McFadden, John Goldsmith and Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, following the Senate action on the Select Committee on Intelligence Activities. The staff members filled me in on the floor debate on the Resolution including the adoption of Chairman Stennis' amendment on security of information and other amendments regarding honorariums and staff clearances.

Received copy 1 of 1 of Mr. Colby's 12 September 1974 testimony for safekeeping.

9. (Unclassified - GLC) Received a call from Frank Green, ~~DEA~~ who was interested in how we handle certain sensitive information with the Congress. I reviewed our procedures with Green but told him his problem was somewhat different and suggested that he get guidance from his legal people and/or the Department of Justice.

10. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and told him I had the transcript of the 21 January briefing by the Director and per the Chairman's instructions would keep this in our files subject to call. I added, however, I would get together with Ed Braswell in the next day or two to excise certain items agreed to during the briefing.

11. (Unclassified - GLC) Reached Phil Areeda, White House Legal Counsel staff, and filled him in on the status of our compliance with Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act as amended. I also told him I would send him a copy of that section of the Public Law.

12. (Unclassified - GLC) Received a call from John Swearingen, Senate Rules Committee staff, who said he was interested in arranging for the custody of material which the Agency provided Senator Baker in the Watergate hearings. Pursuant to a Senate resolution, the Rules Committee has been instructed to assume temporary custody of the Watergate Committee documents in the Library of Congress. I told Swearingen we had some problems with this arrangement and tentatively suggested the material be retained in the vault of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy until all the documents were transferred to the Archivist for retention. I told him I would consult with our people and either [redacted] or I would be back in touch with him tomorrow.

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1. (Internal Use Only - DFM) Called Marc Himmelstein, GSA, regarding H.R. 6 and S. 172, both of which would change mileage and per diem allowances for Federal employees. I raised with him [redacted] Office of Finance, objections to a statutory minimum for mileage expenses. Himmelstein said this was the general view of all the agencies and that OMB and GSA had tried to get the last Congress to accept this view, but weren't successful. He believes the provision in H.R. 6 and S. 172 is the best the agencies can hope for. GSA is preparing a new Executive branch bill, which corrects a technical flaw and which drops the veterans' mileage allowances. The latter provision was the cause of the President's pocket veto. GSA hopes to have their bill to OMB next week, and hopes OMB will call a meeting of agency representatives for the following week, as Congress is expected to move on H.R. 6 and S. 172 within the next two months. I subsequently called [redacted] to report on the status of these bills. He said the Agency could certainly live with a statutory minimum for mileage expenses, but didn't prefer it.

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2. (Confidential - GLC) Bob Layton, NIO/SEA, and I met with four personal Senate staff members and Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, for the purpose of briefing them on the situation in Indochina. The personal staffers were: Rudy Rousseau (Senator Pearson), Dan Spiegel (Senator Humphrey), Dick McCall (Senator McGee) and Steve Bryen (Senator Case). The interest of the group centered on Vietnam and more specifically on the issue of Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam in the context of congressional consideration of a supplemental appropriation bill for military and economic aid to South Vietnam. Cambodia was also covered to a lesser degree. The session lasted about an hour and a half and was well received by the staffers several of whom said they would like their Senators to receive the same briefing.

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